mills located in the State of Madhya Pradesh has increased from 1.15 lakh tonnes in 1986 to 1.21 lakh tonnes in 1987.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) and (e) The technology for manufacture of paper and paperboard from non-conventional raw materials, such as wheat/rice straw, bagasse, waste paper etc. has been well established in the country. The Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute, Saharanpur, is also engaged in R&D activities relating to pulp and paper manufacture in the country.

Indigenisation of components and raw material

617. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when granting foreign collaborations, what is the policy regarding indigenisation of components and raw material;

(b) as a rule, in how many years the imports should be brought to zero; and

(c) what is the policy regarding imports and import substitution for consumer industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The foreign collaboration approvals are issued with the condition that the import of raw materials and components would be allowed only when the necessary approval of the concerned authorities had been taken and subject to the approval of phased manufacturing programme being obtained wherever it was required.

(b) There is no rule laying down the number of years during which the imports should be brought to zero. The imports get generally reduced over a period of five to seven years as more and more raw materials and components become available in the country.

(c) The policy as out-lined above applies for consumer industry also as the requirement of imported raw materials and components would depend on the capability of the indigenous suppliers, more so in the case of latest generation of consumer goods.

Application for manufacture of chewing gum

618. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received an application from Wrigleys Chewing Gum Company for the manufacture of chewing gum;

(b) if so, whether the proposal envisages imports and exports; and

(c) whether the use of foreign brand name has been sought by the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No application for the manufacture of chewing gum has been received by the Ministry of Industry from Wrigleys Chewing Gum Company.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Funds for oil exploration offered by IFC

619. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IFC (International Finance Corporation) offered any funds for oil exploration in the Krishna-Godavari off-shore region; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?